Potential Sites for Wind Power Projects in A.P.

2582. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have identified some potential sites for Wind Power Projects in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps Government have taken to tap the potential of Wind Power from these sites of the State within a time-frame?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI M. KANNAPPAN): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. 34 sites, which could be considered suitable for wind power projects, have been identified in the State of Andhra Pradesh.

(c) A wind power capacity of 93 MW has so far been installed in the State. Fiscal and promotional incentives are being provided by the Government, and soft loans are available for commercial projects from Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency (IREDA). The State Government has also announced a Policy for private sector wind power projects.

High Cost of produced Energy from Renewable/Non-Conventional Sources

2583. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Karnataka has a generating capacity of 310 mw power from renewable/non-conventional sources;

(b) whether these facilities established with large capital outlays pose a burden of SEB/consumes with high cost of energy produced; and

(c) whether the Centre will consider granting capital subsidy to such plants?